

Easy Duffle Bag



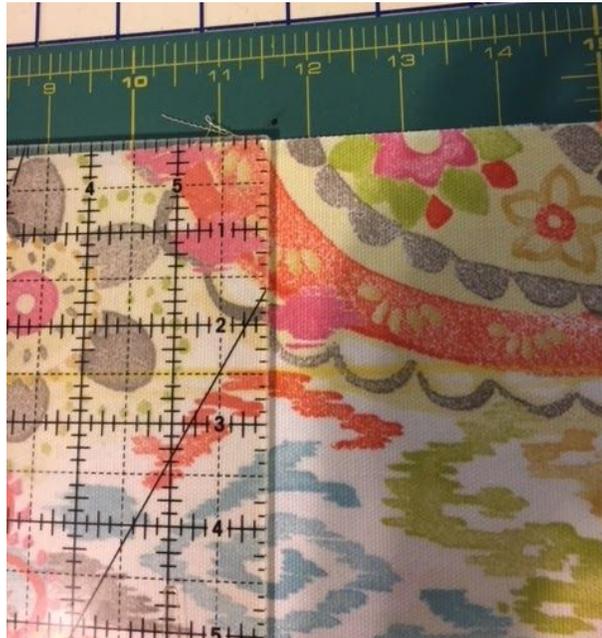
Materials Needed:

- One 24"x44" piece of fabric (duffle body)
- Two 11"x11" pieces of fabric (square bag end)
- One 11"x14" piece of fabric (outside pocket)
- Zipper by the yard (28" w/zipper pull, tape the ends)
- 3 yds webbing (bag handles)
- Thread
- Chalk marker or any marker that erases/washes out easily



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Step 1: Take your 24"x44" piece of fabric and fold in half and mark where the fold is. Next, lay the fabric out with the short end at the top.



On the wrong side of the fabric mark 2.5" from the top and 2.5" from the bottom (this will be your zipper placement line).



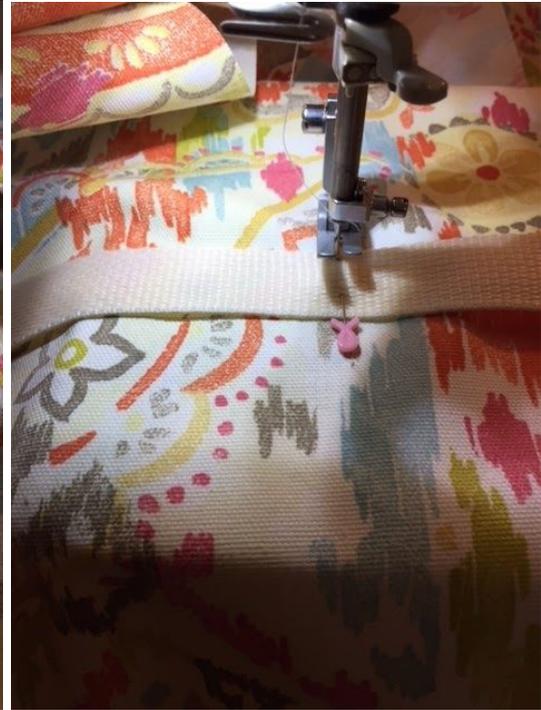
Step 2: On the right side of fabric measure down 9" from the top and 6" in from the left side of fabric, mark where it intersects. Do the same for the right hand side of fabric. This will be where the handles will be stitched to. Mark the same for the bottom, measure up 9" from the bottom and 6" in from the left side of fabric, mark where it intersects. Do the same for the right hand side of fabric.



Step 3: With your fabric still laid out and with the short end at the top, take your handles and fold it in half, mark its half way point with chalk. Take one cut end and pin it on the fold and take the marked half way point and pin this to the fold as well. (this will create a handle). Do the same for the bottom of the fabric.



Pin down the handle until you get to the marks, this will be the pivot point. Your handles should look like one continuous loop when you are done pinning.



You will sew one side of the handle first until you get to the mark, pivot across and sew down the other side, until your handles are sewn down and your cut end point will now be joining up with the first cut end. Fold in half.

You will now have 2 handles attached to the duffle body.



Step 4: Zipper placement line from Step 1: Fold to the placement line and crease. Unfold, then refold in half and fold again to the placement line (this will create a facing). Place your zipper, right side up along the right side of the fabric and underneath the placement line and pin.



Begin to sew this side down being careful not to catch the zipper teeth (which I have done many times), sew to the end. Sew the other side the same way.



Step 5: Outside pocket and Square bag end: Take the outside pocket and fold in half. Baste to one of the square bag end.

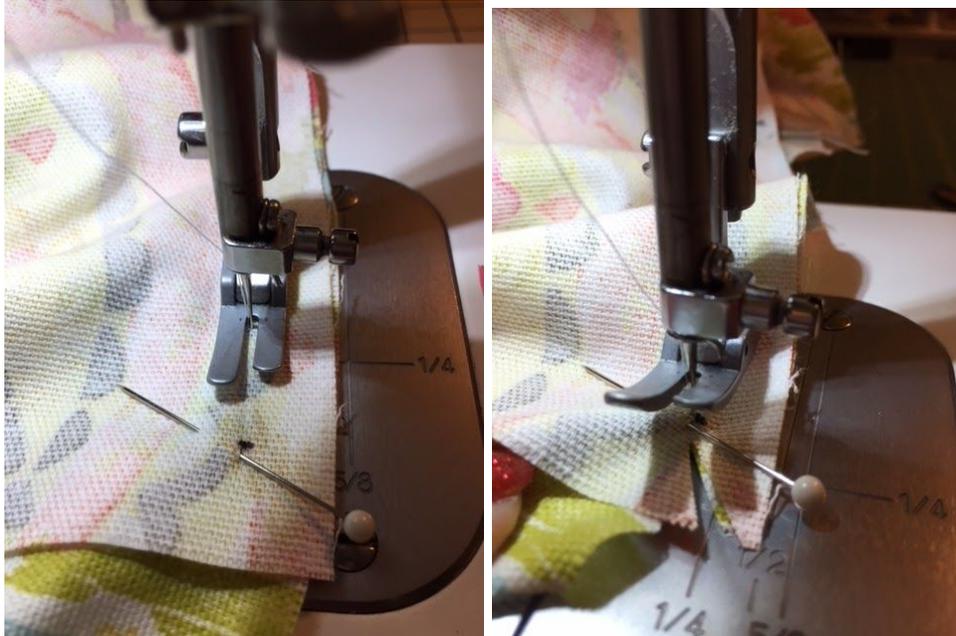


Step 6: On the wrong side of the 2 square bag ends, mark in all 4 corners $\frac{1}{2}$ " down & $\frac{1}{2}$ "in. This will be your pivot points for the duffle. Fold in half and find the middle. You're almost there!

Step 7: Turn your bag wrong-side out. (Make sure the bag zipper end is in the middle of the bag). Place one zipper end and a square bag end, right sides together.



Match one zipper end to the middle of the square bag end and pin. Pin the left pivot point and the right pivot point. Begin sewing using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance from the left pivot point, continue to sew through the zipper end then to the next pivot point.



Before getting to the pivot point, clip the corner at a diagonal at that pivot point. Sew, Pivot and continue to clip corners until you get back to the beginning, clip that corner as well.



Do the same for the other side of the bag, and make sure you have opened your zipper so you can turn the bag inside out. Congratulations! You did it!!